

# Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority

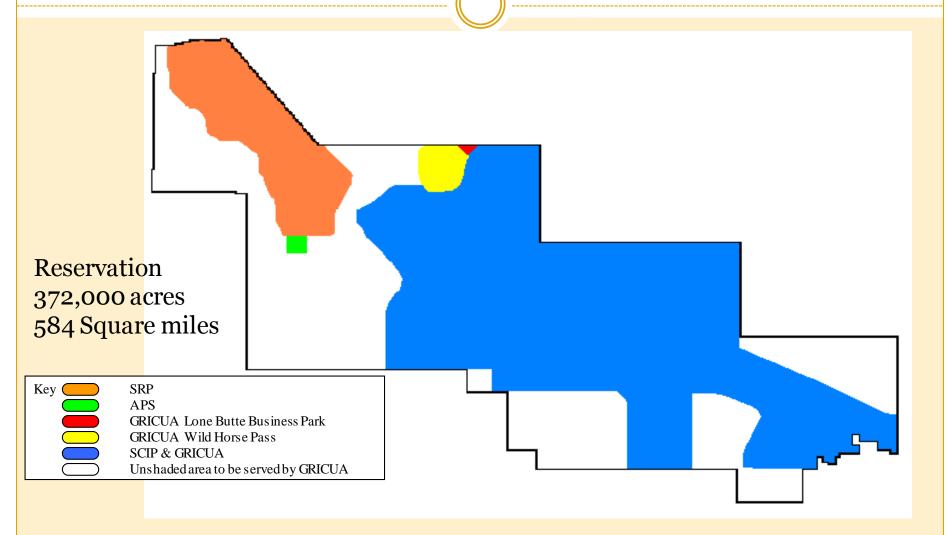
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ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION AND END-USE: HOW DO WE MANAGE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES?

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# Gila River Indian Community (Community) Diagram Of Reservation Electric Service Areas



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#### **GRICUA** Perspective

- Tribal Utility
- Sovereign Nation
- Regulation/Jurisdiction
  - State No
  - o FERC Yes
- Limited customer base
- Limited influence in the power & transmission markets

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## Issues, Challenges & Opportunities

<u>Issues</u>	<u>Challenges</u>	<u>Opportunities</u>
Rural Service Area	<ul><li>Long radial circuits</li><li>Low customer density</li><li>Ability for field ties</li></ul>	Technology
Costs	<ul> <li>Keep rates low, stable</li> <li>Power 60 – 70% of budget</li> <li>Investment in technology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use of staffing &amp; technology</li> <li>Resources mix &amp; purchases</li> </ul>
Technology	<ul><li>Smart metering</li><li>Web &amp; Wireless Access &amp; Applications</li></ul>	<ul><li>Customer portal, real time data</li><li>Pre-payment</li></ul>
Reliability	<ul><li>Outage analysis</li><li>Preventive maintenance</li></ul>	<ul><li>Quicker outage restoration</li><li>Reduction Of Equipment Failure</li></ul>
Renewable	<ul><li>Integration of energy/storage</li><li>No customer subsidization</li></ul>	<ul><li>Distributed &amp; Utility Scale</li><li>Buy – Sell Policy</li></ul>
Power	<ul><li>Real time/ load following scheduling</li><li>Purchases</li></ul>	Partnering with other utilities
Transmission	<ul><li>Transmission dependent</li><li>Availability of delivery paths</li></ul>	Partnering with other utilities

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